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## *Kansas Coliseum Renovation Plan*

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### Information about the Kansas Coliseum:

The Kansas Coliseum was constructed in 1977 and opened in 1978. The Coliseum includes the Britt Brown Arena, the Sam Fulco Pavilion, Pavilion II, the Arena Building and Weideman Park.

The Kansas Coliseum resides at 1229 E. 85th St. N., Valley Center, 10 miles north of downtown Wichita on I-135. The original cost of the entertainment complex was approximately \$10 million.

There have been over 3,500 events, with more than 16.3 million visitors to the Coliseum complex. The Britt Brown Arena has a maximum seating capacity of 12,000. The Kansas Coliseum has 300,000 square feet of event area between Britt Brown Arena, Pavilions I and II, and the Show Arena. There are about 270 events scheduled in the complex annually.

### Annual Operations:

The Kansas Coliseum operates as an enterprise fund, using self-generated revenues to fund the operations of the facility. Annual expenditures are approximately \$3.2 million. Most revenues are generated through concession sales, building rentals, advertising and ticket fees.

### Our Goal:

Our goal is to continue to provide a venue for top entertainment in Sedgwick County and South Central Kansas that will make the community proud.

### For More Information:

Call the Sedgwick County  
Division of Recreation, Culture &  
Entertainment at 660-9393  
or visit the Sedgwick County website  
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### Needed ADA renovations and other upgrades:

The Kansas Coliseum has never undergone a major renovation since its opening in 1978. ADA standards are requiring that Sedgwick County make certain changes and improvements:

- bathroom improvements (more ladies' rooms)
- handicapped-accessible seating at all levels
- locker room improvements

Other needed changes include:

- replace roof, chillers and fire sprinkler system
- widening the concourse
- number of points of sale at concession stands is inadequate
- arena seats are no longer commercially available
- upgrade electrical system
- expanded locker/dressing rooms for acts
- new lobby/ticket area
- improved lighting, signage and sound

### What about the Downtown Arena?

Because of community interest in a Downtown Arena, Sedgwick County has postponed any upgrades to the Coliseum since 1999. Because of the ADA issues and no immediate plan for the construction of a Downtown Arena, we must make needed renovations to the Coliseum. These renovations will allow us to continue to provide a venue for top entertainment in Sedgwick County and south central Kansas.



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## *Kansas Coliseum Renovation Plan, Phase 2*

### Phase 2 — Renovation Design

In July, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners approved to move forward with Design Option D, which includes upgrades to fan amenities (ADA & Code), operational issues, an additional multi-purpose space and expanded seating with a cost of \$55,336,419.

Phase 1, or the Schematic Design, of the renovation project was completed by Wilson, Darnell & Mann at a cost of \$137,000, and was approved by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners in July 2003.

Phase 2, or the design phase, is now set to begin. Phase 2 will include the architectural and engineering services for the renovation. This phase will be completed by Wilson, Darnell & Mann, lead architect, at a cost of \$2.6 million. The scope of work for the professional architectural and engineering services is approximately \$45 million — Sedgwick County has determined that the remaining items in the \$55 million project can be defined by County staff.

The difference in cost is from Sedgwick County providing the following services in-house:

- Offsite Engineering
- Survey on Site
- Hazardous Material Survey & Removal Design
- Traffic/Parking Analysis
- FF&E Selection
- Food Service Equipment Layout and Selection
- Site Marquee Sign Design
- Geotechnical Investigations & Analysis
- Score Board & Associated Video Graphics
- Data Systems
- Telephone Systems

### How long will Phase 2 take to complete?

Phase 2 is scheduled to take approximately 13 months to complete.

### Why Renovate Now?

There are no plans for another venue, how much longer can we afford to delay? The Kansas Coliseum needs to be brought into ADA Compliance. In addition, we need to preserve the past and future memories. We have the opportunity to build on the Kansas Coliseum's reputation of attracting top entertainment to our region by creating an attractive venue for citizens and visitors to enjoy for generations to come.

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